In addition to the above, one proposal for promotion of Rural Tourism at Dharmavaram at an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 lakh, was received during the current financial year, which was not as per guidelines and hence has not been sanctioned.

Torture of Indian students in Australia

†*91. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government considers attacks on Indian students in Australia as the internal affair of that country;

(b) if not, whether such statement has been refuted; and

(c) the stand taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Government of India's deep anguish at the incidents involving Indian students in Australia and its concern about their welfare was conveyed to the Australian authorities at the highest level. It has been unequivocally conveyed that such attacks should not be allowed to happen and that it is the responsibility of the Australian authorities to ensure the well-being and security of our students in Australia.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As stated in (a) above.

Grant for development of cities

*92 SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the important cities of Orissa like Bhubaneswar, Puri, Behrampur, Sambalpur, Cuttack, Rourkela, Jajpur are receiving more financial grant in comparison to other neighbouring States; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the amount released for the development of the above stated cities alongwith the utilization details?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The cities of Bhubaneswar and Puri are covered under the Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) component of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The details of projects sanctioned, funds released/utilized for these two cities are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

The towns of Behrampur, Cuttack and Sambalpur are covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) and first installment of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) has been released for infrastructure projects for these towns. However, no projects for Jajpur and Rourkela have been sanctioned under the scheme by the State level sanctioning committee and recommended to the Government of India. Details of ACA released to the above three towns and utilization thereof is as per Statement-II (see below).

The quantum of ACA to States is dependent on various factors such as urban population of the States, the preparation of quality Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the States, its appraisal and approval by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) and availability of funds.